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## **Environmental Quality accepting applications for Volkswagen settlement funding**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is again accepting applications for project funding from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust. The eligible projects, outlined in North Dakota’s mitigation plan, reduce emissions of the pollutant nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>).

Environmental Quality may issue up to \$2.2 million in funding from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust to replace or repower various eligible vehicles and equipment. Funding is available to government and non-government entities for projects that mitigate the negative air quality impacts caused by Volkswagen’s use of emissions testing defeat devices in their vehicles sold and operated in the United States. North Dakota’s share of the trust is approximately \$8.1 million.

Please visit <https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/planning/VW.aspx> for more information, program guidelines, and the necessary application materials. Applications can be mailed to the Division of Air Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or emailed to [airquality@nd.gov](mailto:airquality@nd.gov). The application deadline is Monday, May 2, 2022, at 5 p.m.

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